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Petition for Cancellation

Notice is hereby given that the following party requests to cancel indicated registration.

Petitioner Information

Name	Elite Motorcycle Tours		
Entity	Limited Liability Company	Citizenship	Colorado
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Registration Subject to Cancellation

Registration No	4278733	Registration date	01/22/2013
Registrant	Odiorne II, Bruce 2788 County Road 302 Durango, CO 81301 UNITED STATES		

Goods/Services Subject to Cancellation

Class 041. First Use: 2011/06/01 First Use In Commerce: 2011/06/01
All goods and services in the class are cancelled, namely: Entertainment services in the nature of organizing, arranging and conducting motorcycle riding excursions

Grounds for Cancellation

Immoral or scandalous matter	Trademark Act section 2(a)
Deceptiveness	Trademark Act section 2(a)
False suggestion of a connection	Trademark Act section 2(a)
Torres v. Cantine Torresella S.r.l.Fraud	808 F.2d 46, 1 USPQ2d 1483 (Fed. Cir. 1986)
Other	15 U.S.C. 1051, 1127 (filed by non- existing entity)

Mark Cited by Petitioner as Basis for Cancellation

U.S. Application/ Registration No.	NONE	Application Date	NONE
Registration Date	NONE		

Word Mark	ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS
Goods/Services	A motorcycle tour company that provides guided motorcycle tours and training throughout the southwestern United States, including Colorado, Utah and Texas.

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this paper has been served upon all parties, at their address record by First Class Mail on this date.

Signature	/Dana P. Jozefczyk/
Name	Dana P. Jozefczyk
Date	05/22/2013

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Elite Motorcycle Tours)		
,)	Cancellation	No
Petition	ner,))	
)	Mark: ELIT	TE MOTORCYCLE TOURS
v.))	
)	Reg. No.:	4,278,733
Bruce Odiorne II,))	
d/b/a Elite Motorcycle Tours)	Reg. Date:	January 22, 2013
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Registr	rant)	•	
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PETITION FOR CANCELLATION

Elite Motorcycle Tours, located at 2501 Bear Lake Dr. Montrose, CO 81401 and 1310 Murphy Lane Moab, UT 84532 (hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner") believes it has and will continue to be damaged by the mark shown in Registration No. 4,278,733 for ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS, (hereinafter referred to as the "ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS mark") registered January 22, 2013, by Bruce Odiorne II (hereinafter referred to as "Registrant"), d/b/a Elite Motorcycle Tours, and hereby petitions to cancel said registration. The grounds for cancellation are as follows:

1. Petitioner operates Elite Motorcycle Tours, a motorcycle tour company that provides guided motorcycle tours and training throughout the southwestern United States, including Colorado, Utah and Texas. Petitioner currently operates over twenty (20) motorcycle tours in a calendar year, each tour including five (5) participants on average.

- 2. Petitioner, and its predecessors in interest, has been operating Elite Motorcycle
 Tours continuously since, at least, 1997. Petitioner has extensively advertised and promoted its
 Elite Motorcycle Tours business. As a result of such use and promotion, Petitioner's Elite
 Motorcycle Tours business and ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS trademark have developed and
 represents valuable goodwill inuring to the benefit of Petitioner.
- 3. Registrant is a disgruntled, revenge oriented, former employee of Petitioner.

 Registrant's employment was terminated by Petitioner approximately fourteen months ago.

 Registrant worked for Petitioner for approximately 18 months from June 2010 to November 2011
 - 4. Since Registrant's termination, Registrant has:
 - a) Been convicted by the Montrose Colorado County Court of breaking and entering against Darren Peterson, an owner of Elite Motorcycle Tours., and Elite Motorcycle Tours, in December 2011;
 - b) Called GoDaddy.com thirty six (36) times in one day stating that he is Darren

 Peterson and demanding cancellation of the Elite Motorcycle Tours web site.

 GoDaddy.com took down the website mistakenly believing that Registrant

 was Darren Peterson and that cancellation was authorized. The site was down for
 eighteen (18) hours before GoDaddy.com was able to re-launch it;
 - c) Called in false allegations to the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") to open a two-state wide investigation. Special Agent Robert Shilaikis handled the allegations and concluded that the allegations were indeed false;
 - d) Falsified information to old Closed Bankruptcy Trust after the above BLM case was closed to have them re-open case. The Closed Bankruptcy Trust found that

- Registrant misled them into reopening investigation, costing the courts more money and time;
- e) Harassed clients of Petitioner and ordered them to cease use of Petitioner's services, creating mistrust and ill-will;
- f) Registered Petitioner's Elite Motorcycle Tours as an L.L.C. with the Colorado Secretary of State;
- f) These actions have cost Petitioner at least three large corporate accounts and Petitioner has lost revenue well over 40,000 per year since Registrant's termination from Petitioner's employ;
- 5. Registrant never directed, controlled, or owned any interest in Petitioner's business. Registrant no longer maintains any relationship with Petitioner.
- 6. Registrant did not develop the Elite Motorcycle Tours name of Petitioner nor was Registrant involved in any branding efforts associated with Petitioner's business. At no time was Registrant authorized to file any trademark applications on behalf of Petitioner. At no time after his termination from Petitioner, was Registrant authorized to use the ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS trademark.
- 7. Registrant filed the application for the ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS mark after Registrant was terminated by Petitioner. After this termination, Registrant obtained a trademark registered on the Principal Register for ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS for "Entertainment services in the nature of organizing, arranging and conducting motorcycle riding excursions" in Class 41. Registrant's registration is based on an application filed on May 8, 2012, and asserts a first use date of June 1, 2011. Registrant's registration asserts that Registrant

is "d/b/a Elite Motorcycle Tours" and that Registrant is the CEO thereof. Registrant used a screenshot from Petitioner's website as a specimen of use to secure trademark registration.

- 8. Registrant's representations that he is "d/b/a Elite Motorcycle Tours," that he has used the ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS mark since June 1, 2011, and that he is the CEO of Elite Motorcycle Tours are all fraudulent. Moreover, Registrant's appropriation of an image from Petitioner's website as a specimen of use is unlawful and a further act of fraud in procuring a trademark registration.
- 9. Since Registrant's ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS mark is not associated with any service provided by Registrant, and since the ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS mark impinges upon Petitioner's business name, website, and goodwill, Petitioner has been and is likely to continue to be damaged by registration of the ELITE MOTORYCLE TOURS mark.
- 10. Additionally, Registrant's ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS mark would likely hinder and inhibit Petitioner's ability to obtain federal registration of its own trademark for ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS.
- 11. As Registrant has not ever conducted business as Elite Motorcycle Tours, Registrant's d/b/a/ as Elite Motorcycle Tours, did not exist at the time the ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS application was filed.
- 12. Registrant's registration is null and void from its beginning as having been filed by an entity that did not exist at the time the application was filed in violation of Sections 1(b) and 45 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051 and 1127; 37 C.F.R. § 2.71(d), and TMEP §§ 1201.2(a)-(c). This defect is fatal to the application and cannot be cured by amendment. See 37 C.F.R. § 2.71(d) and TMEP § 1201.2(a)-(c).

- Registrant signed a trademark application asserting that he "being hereby warned 13. that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that such willful false statements, and the like, may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that he/she is properly authorized to execute this application on behalf of the applicant; he/she believes the applicant to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered" and "to the best of his/her knowledge and belief no other person, firm, corporation, or association has the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form thereof or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive; and that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true; and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true" when in fact he knew or should have known that Petitioner was the rightful owner of the mark, that Petitioner not Registrant had been using the mark, and that the specimen submitted was use by Petitioner, not Registrant. All of the foregoing fraudulent statements were intended to secure trademark rights in a mark to which Registrant knew he was not entitled.
- 14. Continued registration of the mark shown in Reg. No. 4,278,733 may result in damage to Petitioner under the provisions of Sections 1(b) and 2(d) of the U.S. Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051(b) and 1052(d) and 37 C.F.R. § 2.71(d), and because it was obtained fraudulently pursuant to the allegations stated above.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner asks that its Petition for Cancellation be sustained and that registration of the term ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS for the goods set forth therein be cancelled.

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Petitioner herein appoints John A. Clifford, Reg. No. 30,247; Gregory C. Golla; Andrew S. Ehard; Scott W. Johnston, Reg. No. 39,721; Heather J. Kliebenstein; Danielle I. Mattessich; Christopher J. Schulte and William D. Schultz, and all other attorneys of the firm of Merchant & Gould P.C., its attorneys to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office relating to this matter with full power of substitution.

Account No. 13-2725 of Petitioner's counsel noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

ELITE MOTORCYCLE TOURS

By its Attorneys,

Date: May 22, 2013

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing PETITION FOR

CANCELLATION was served upon Registrant and the following attorney of record for

Registrant by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, this 22nd day of May, 2013:

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